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VIA ECF

Hon. Brian M. Cogan
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Al Malik Alshahhi, et. al., No. 1:21-cr-00371 (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

I write on behalf of Defendants Thomas J. Barrack, Jr. and Matthew Grimes in response to the Court's order regarding the request from in-house press corps. *See* Dkt. No. 225 (Order). Defendants have no objection to the media's request, with some clarifications. We would want to reserve the first row(s) in the courtroom for our assistants, family, and friends and that should not be a problem for the space that the media has requested. With respect to individual voir dire, generally there is no objection, but Defendants defer to the Court if a juror wants a sidebar or some privacy not to have a member of the media standing there as well. In these instances, it would seem access to the transcript would be consistent with the law and their request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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